

Ickes Reported Distressed By Policies of FDR

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Dec. 29 (IP)—The newspaper PM reports editorially that Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes is so distressed by some of President Roosevelt's policies that he may resign from the cabinet if the situation fails to change.

The report states, specifically, that Ickes considers himself "muzzled" by the state department and therefore has been compelled to decline an invitation publicly to denounce the Spanish government of Generalissimo Francisco Franco at a Madison Square garden rally to be held next week.

This rally is being organized to sponsor a demand for a break in diplomatic relations with Madrid. Ickes declined.

In response to a United Press inquiry whether he had been invited to speak at the anti-Franco rally, Ickes replied: "I have been invited and if I were not holding an official position I would be glad to go up and say what I have thought for some time about that gentleman. But in view of my official position, I have declined."

PM does not suggest that the state department actually interfered with any address Ickes had prepared, or that he even had sought its advice. The implication is that Ickes took one look at the men placed in charge of the state department by Roosevelt since the election and decided it would be futile to expect them to approve what he would like to say about Franco.

Ickes Frustrated
Ickes was one of the new deal stalwarts frustrated when President Roosevelt gently balked at accepting Vice President Henry A. Wallace as his 1944 running mate. His unhappiness—and that of many other top flight administration supporters—was increased when Roosevelt nominated to high state department office a number of men who did not even claim to be new dealers.

These state department nominees, confirmed after a senate tussel, included three assistant secretaries—James C. Dunn, William H. Clayton and Brig. Gen. Julius C. Holmes—against whom there was bitter left wing protest.

May Set Fuse
These developments may have set a time fuse to spluttering deep within administration councils. PM reports that according to Ickes' most intimate colleagues, the sharp-tongued cabinet member "does not like the way things are going."

Ickes is represented as feeling that if he undertook to address the Franco meeting he would have to submit his address for approval of the office of war information which, in turn, would ask the state department to okay

Nazi Captured Wearing American Uniform



(NEA Radio-Telephoto)
This German soldier was captured in Belgium wearing complete U. S. Army uniform with exception of German blouse he wore under an American raincoat. Alert Yank infantryman, who spotted the blouse keep him under close guard until he can be taken away for questioning. Nazis are making wide use of U. S. weapons and uniforms to infiltrate American lines, spread confusion and seize vital command posts. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

—and that Dunn in his advisory capacity would persuade Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., to object.

Cloverdale

Cloverdale, Dec. 27 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arnold had as dinner guests on Christmas day Mrs. Hattie Gist and Glen Baker of Bend, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller and children, Mrs. Margaret Miller of Sisters and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowers of Redmond.

On Friday afternoon a Christmas program was held at the school with a good crowd in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Young and son John and Jap Thompson of Plainview spent Christmas day at the Robert Thompson home.

Mrs. M. C. Smalley left Saturday for Bend where she plans to spend Christmas vacation, returning January 2nd to resume teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Simmons entertained at Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Edgar and daughter Suzanne and Mr. and Mrs. George Billingsley.

Miss Ruth Johnson came home last Tuesday from Portland where she is employed to spend the holidays with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. George Coombs and son left Saturday morning for John Day to spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. Comb's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hansen of Portland are spending a few days visiting at the home of Mrs. Olga Johnson.

The three months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Dearlord died suddenly on Friday morning. Graveside services were held for the baby in Redmond on Saturday.

Lew Ayres on Leyte



(NEA Telephoto)
Cpl. Lew Ayres, famous movie and real life soldier, dresses wounds suffered by Pvt. Marvin D. Cotton, who was brought down by enemy fire after he had killed nine Japs near Palo, Leyte Island. Ayres gave up a staff sergeant's rating in the medical corps to take an assignment as a platoon's aide. Signal Corps photo.

Deardorf is employed on the George Cooley ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Kellogg and sons are in the valley this week where they went to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

A Red Cross benefit party is to be held next Saturday night at the community hall. The ladies Home Economics club has charge of the party and extends an invitation to anyone who may wish to come.

Silicates in laundry soaps are in common use and some soaps contain as much as from 10% to 30% of these chemicals.

Ashwood Soldier Rejoins Outfit

Madras, Dec. 30 (Special)—Pfc. Hugh Lowther is now in a rest camp following his latest experience of being a German prisoner for 17 days, according to word sent to Ashwood relatives. No details were learned as to how he got back into allied territory, but the young soldier seems to be getting his share of adventure, being wounded, reported missing in action and then being retaken from enemy territory.

Important Dates For Taxes Listed

Joseph D. Nunan, Jr., commissioner of internal revenue, today called attention to employers and employees to the fact that January 1 and January 31, 1945 are important dates in connection with withholding of income tax from wages.

January 1 is the effective date for the new rates of withholding prescribed by the individual income tax act of 1944. By terms of that act, the new rates apply to all wages paid on and after January 1, regardless of when the wages were earned. The new rates are intended to adjust each employee's withholding more closely to his actual income tax. The new rates average about the same as the old rates, but vary in individual cases. Employers already have received detailed instructions in Circular WT-Rev. 1944, additional copies of which may be obtained at any collector's office.

Deadline Set
January 31 is the deadline by which the law requires employers to furnish each employee a withholding receipt on Form W-2 (Rev.), showing how much wages were paid him and how much income tax was withheld from his wages during the calendar year 1944. These receipts have a special importance this year, because the new law authorizes most employees to use their receipts as simplified income tax returns. This new feature is explained in an official leaflet, entitled "How to Use Your Withholding Receipt as an Income Tax Return," and employers have been asked to distribute copies to their employees.

Commissioner Nunan also urged employers to be especially careful, when preparing each withholding receipt, to show the employee's home address and social security number, as well as all other required information. The home address and social security number are vital for identification purposes.

Officer Reports "Sweet Mystery"

Seattle, Dec. 29 (IP)—Lt. W. G. Costello of the army has the candy shortage licked for a while, but he doesn't know how it happened.

Four times within two hours his doorbell rang. Each time he answered it and all he found was an expensive box of chocolates—four boxes altogether.

He called police—just why, he didn't say—and while police were in the house a pounding was heard at the back door. Costello and the cops scurried to the rear of the house, and found it had happened again. A fifth box. It's a sweet mystery.

YOUNGSTER'S WAR EFFORT

Hot Springs, Ark. (IP)—Jimmy Schran, 11, is an ambitious, patriotic youngster who has devoted his spare time to aiding the war effort by collecting waste paper. Since February, he has collected over 12,000 pounds.

Whistler's 20 Cent Etching Causes Othman Much Trouble

By Frederick C. Othman
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Dec. 29 (IP)—My sadistic boss said he thought it would be a good idea to drop down today to the coast and geodetic survey, make my peace, and see if maybe this time I could get the facts straight about Whistler's 20-cent etching.

The coast and geodetic boys didn't even throw any rolled-up maps at me. Only the boss was brutal and I'd hoped he had forgotten the worst day in the life of an Othman. Or, for that matter, in the history of the coast and geodetic survey. It was nearly 10 years ago.

I'd run onto the story of how James McNeil Whistler worked for the survey in 1854 making copper plate etchings of American coast lines at a wage of \$1.50 per day. He was a first class artist, even then, and the headmen overlooked his liking for beer on the job. What they couldn't ignore was his penchant for decorating his maps with sea serpents, dragons, mermaids and whales.

He climaxed his career one afternoon with a sketch of the Atlantic coast, enlivened by two whales spouting water and one maiden with a tail and no chemise. The department chief said the next time Whistler desecrated a map with animal life, he was through.

"Yes sir," said Whistler and went to work on a profile map of Anacapa island off the coast of California. He finished the map and that urge came over him. He drew in two flocks of gulls, soaring over the rocky headland. That was the end of Whistler in federal service.

He went on to Paris, fortune and fame.

This, as you can see, was not such a bad story on a dull day. The lady clerk said would I care to see the etching that got Whistler fired? Would I! Boy, she sold me one for 20 cents, the regular price, and then I did have a story.

I beat it back to my typewriter and wrote the yarn much as you've read it here, but starting off with the question: "Want an original Whistler etching for 20 cents?"

Newspapers all over the country published this dispatch (it was a dull day, remember) and apparently very few citizens missed reading it. Most of them wanted Whistler etchings for 20 cents each.

The coast and geodetic survey received phone calls. Washingtonians lined up at the door to buy their etchings. Mailmen grew stoop-shouldered, hauling in sacks of letters enclosing two dimes or 20 cents in stamps. Finally there was a room full of letters, piled from the floor to the ceiling, all demanding bargains in etchings.

I'd received a couple of hundred letters with enclosures, too, and was wondering how to deliver them to etching headquarters, when the coast and geodetic survey phoned. The man on the line (I never did get his name) was apologetic.

"Do something," he cried. "Stop it. And what kind of a dim brain is this Othman, anyhow?"

He didn't know he was talking to Othman. I never let on. He went on to say, as my heart sunk, that anybody with sense would

Midstate Masons To Meet in Bend

Masons from all parts of Central Oregon today are expected to gather here next Sunday for a ham and egg breakfast at the Masonic temple, following which they will visit the First Presbyterian church in a body. It is a custom of the Masonic lodge to attend church in a group the first Sunday following St. John's day.

George McAllister and R. C. Caryl head the committee in charge of the breakfast, which will be held at 9 a.m.

All members of Bend Lodge No. 139 are invited to attend, as well as Masons from other jurisdictions who might be residing in this district, it was said.

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